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EDITORIAL

Editor-in-chief Matt Forsythe takes a look at the paper work follies that sometimes occur at UM-St. Louis.

FEATURES

Shirlee T. Haizlip, an African-American, searches for her mother's "white" relatives in her new book, 'The Sweeter the Juice'

SPORTS

Player of the Week Tammy Madden did all of the Riverwomen's scoring in a 2-1 victory over 10th ranked Metro State College.

Campus crime victimizes UM-St. Louis Police Department

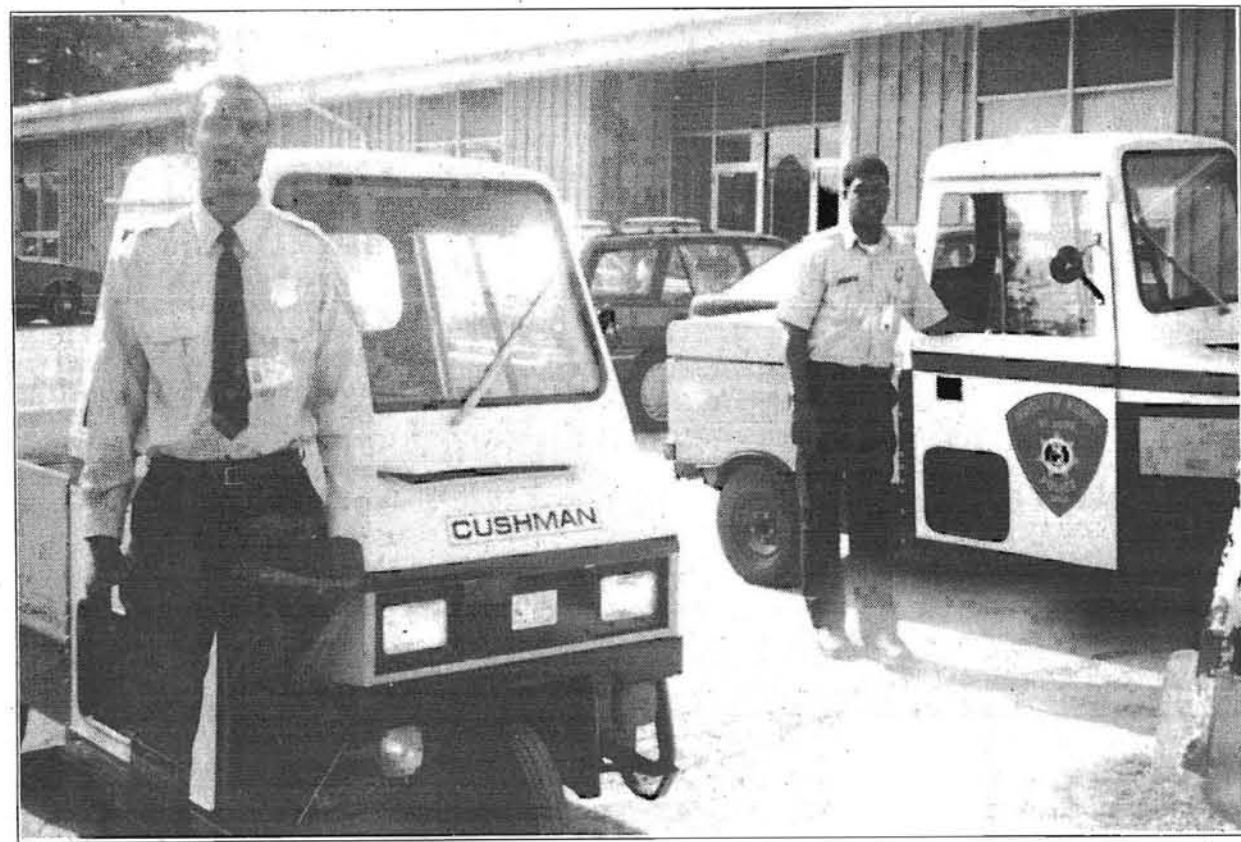


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UM-ST. LOUIS PD BLUE: Hudson Security officers Aaron Thomas (left) and Greg Murphy are two of Capt. James Smalley's 15-member staff. In a recent College and University Reports study, UM-St. Louis had a lower crime rate than Washington University and St. Louis University.

Chancellor issues informal report card: UM-St. Louis Police need improvement

This story is the first part of a two-part series that evaluates changes in the campus police department.

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

When Capt. John Smalley was given the duty of directing the UM-St. Louis Police Department, he was given one order. The University wanted to see his officers out and about.

It's been three months since Smalley received his wish list, and now there are two very different report cards surfacing. One report card, written by the University, would have Smalley sitting in the corner if this were grade school. The other report has the UM-St. Louis Department steadily improving in its efforts to make this a safe

campus. Chancellor Blanche Touhill met with Smalley, Monday, and discussed the progress of the department.

"In the meeting she said that she doesn't see the (Cushman patrol) carts around on campus enough," Smalley said. "She was a little disturbed."

Smalley said the Chancellor was



James Smalley
UM-St. Louis PD

satisfied with the visibility of the officers initially, but is unsatisfied as of late.

"She complained that she can not look out of her office window and see the carts," Smalley said. "The carts, though, were limited to being mobile. Since the second week of school, we have been utilizing the security officers to do parking enforcement. That could explain why the Chancellor may not be seeing them."

The evaluation stems from complaints made by faculty members who wanted to see the department use its officers more efficiently.

In issue 795 of *The Current*, Reinhard Schuster, vice chancellor of Administrative Services said, even though the campus is one of the safest in Missouri, the police did lack visibility.

In a recent report done by College see *Police*, page 4

Suspect dumps van, exits campus in police vehicle

by Jeremy Rutherford
news editor

A UM-St. Louis police vehicle, stolen Oct. 15, was later used in the theft of a woman's purse. The vehicle was found abandoned Oct. 16 at about 2 p.m. at the 600 block of Clara Ave.

James Smalley, interim director of the UM-St. Louis Police Department, said a coordinated investigation is underway with St. Louis City and County Police.

"We're going to apprehend and prosecute fully the individuals associated in the matter," Smalley said. "But right now, there's no suspect."

Smalley believes the suspect stole a Chevrolet van earlier in the night, and left it abandoned in parking lot "L" before stealing the campus vehicle.

"We put together the circumstances and the order of events," Smalley said. "The van was processed by our department. The stolen police car is being processed by St. Louis City and the evidence by the County."

St. Louis Police believe the suspect used the police cruiser to steal a woman's purse at about 8:30 p.m. Saturday night near Lake Ave. and

Waterman Blvd.

The woman said that a police vehicle pulled her over, and a youth about 16 or 17 approached her car. Realizing the individual was not a police officer, the woman walked away from the scene. The suspect proceeded to steal the woman's purse from her vehicle.

Smalley said the collected evidence will be sent to a lab, where fingerprints will be run through the Automatic Fingerprinting Identification System.

"Anytime you successfully lift fingerprints, they can be turned into a crime lab and compared with prints of people who have been arrested," Smalley said.

Smalley said to ensure such incidents do not reoccur, campus police will begin parking unused vehicles in a locked garage. He said the department will also implement other safety measures such as installing electronic locks on its vehicles.

"Two of our cars have electronic locks, but the one that was taken did not," Smalley said. "The steering column had a hole in it, exposing the internal parts. That's how they are usually stolen."

The stolen police vehicle marks the

second serious crime this semester. On July 25, a man was robbed of \$53 at gunpoint on the second floor of Benton Hall. No suspect has yet been charged with that crime.

In August, Smalley said the summer robbery was a result of proximity.

"Now some crime is flowing onto the campus, including mostly vehicle break-ins," Smalley said. "The situation has caused us to come up with a game plan, which could entail surveillance cameras and officers assigned to monitor specific parking garages."

Thomas Lee, a transfer student from St. Louis University, said safety is important. In July, his former school was labeled "the most dangerous college town in America" in a book about nationwide campus safety.

Lee believes that installing surveillance cameras at UM-St. Louis will be beneficial.

"Students are concerned with their surroundings," he said. "It's helpful to know what's going on around you."

"The parking lots at SLU (St. Louis University) have surveillance cameras all over. Just knowing that the cameras are there cuts down on crime. At least it makes people think twice."

Crime on College Campuses (1993)

source: College and University Reports

Campus	Students	Crimes (per 1,000 students)
Fontbonne College	1,777	5.1
Harris-Stowe College	1,898	27.4
SE Missouri State	8,080	1.9
St. Louis University	13,553	2.1
UM-Columbia	22,225	3.4
UM-St. Louis	15,411	0.8
Washington University	10,684	2.6
Webster University	9,794	0.9

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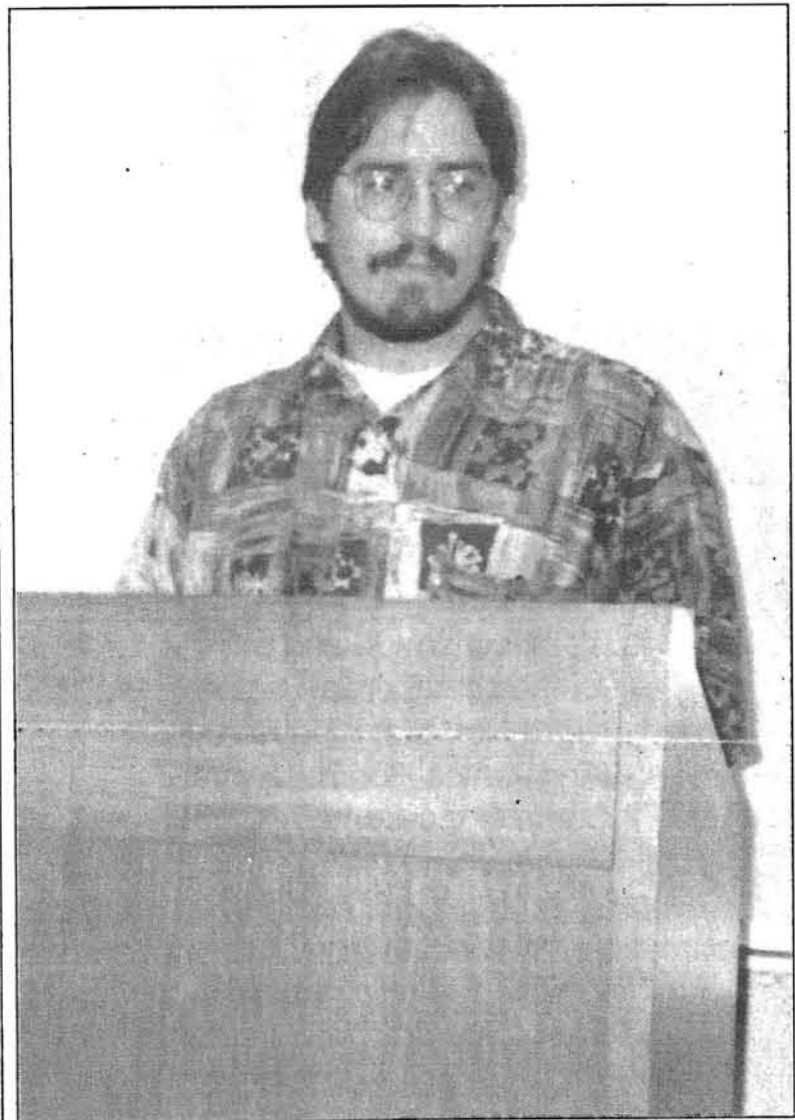


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CAMPUS EDUCATOR: David Friedrichs, treasurer of Hispanic/Latino Student Association (HISLA) addresses a crowd Wednesday.

Campus group says vote 'yes' on Hancock II

by Clint Zweifel
managing editor

Some students on the UM-St. Louis campus have taken the opposite stand on Hancock II (Amendment 7) the education community would like them to hold.

Concerned Students, an organization that communicates through an on-line computer bulletin board, has taken a pro-Hancock II stance—a near anomaly on a college campus. Proposed by Rep. Mel Hancock, R-Springfield, Hancock II is a tax limitation bill that changes the way Missouri computes

state revenue. The Amendment will be on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Organization President Vernon Pursley III said the main reason so many students are against Amendment 7 results from University staff using the classroom as a bullypulpit for their views on the Amendment. Too many students, he said, do not question what professors are telling them about the Amendment.

"They are buying into what they are hearing in their classes everyday," Pursley said. "Whatever comes out of the mouths of the instructor is not questioned. It's taken as gospel."

"Almost daily in our classes we get plummeted about the cuts Hancock II will cause. And with the stories in the newspaper, this has led us to say 'hey you guys are seeing an issue one-sided.'"

Pursley, a junior majoring in Criminology, said the possibility of higher education budget cuts doesn't worry him. He said the state budget is run inefficiently and that problem needs to be corrected. Amendment 7, he said, will do that by eliminating unnecessary administrative costs that currently plague state spending.

"What allows Hancock II to work

well is that we are going to have to cut some of the perks before [the cuts] trickle down to the student level. We are spending too much on administrative perks and additional salaries."

He said the "scare tactics" the University is using to oppose the Hancock II overlook the need for a more efficient budget. He said the goal of Hancock II is not to damage education, but to make spending smarter.

"Spending more per student is not always a guarantee that you will have a better student," Pursley said. "East St.

see *Support*, page 4

Meridian Mail modernizes on-campus phone system

by Beth Robinson
associate news editor

The upgrading of an important campus tool is likely to cause some serious conversation. Meridian Mail, the new on-campus phone system, replaced the VMX system, Oct. 17, and is expected to make life much easier on its customers, the campus community.

The old voice mail system was eight years old and did not have the features that most newer systems have.

Lawrence Westermeyer, director of Computing and Networking Services, said VMX was lacking in functionality.

Meridian Mail is more tightly integrated with the phone systems. It has larger numbers of access ports than VMX had, and the recording time has increased from 40 to 120 minutes.

The voice mail system upgrade has greatly improved the usability of the system. With the new features, the voice mail system can be used in various ways. One time-saving feature means voice mail can now be set up to call a pager when someone is waiting for an important call.

"Most importantly, users have more control over their mailboxes," Westermeyer said.

Also, instead of having to listen to

the messages and either save them or write them down, the number nine can be pressed at any time during the message and it will call the person back immediately, if the call was made from campus.

With VMX, callers would get voice mail and not be able to reach a person other than to continue leaving messages.

"They would get caught in what has been called 'voice mail jail,' where once you get in, you can't get out," Westermeyer said.

With Meridian Mail there is a zero revert number. If the caller is in the voice mail system and needs to speak with someone in person, zero can be

pressed at any time and the caller will be transferred to a receptionist during regular office hours.

There is also a higher level of security with Meridian Mail. To access voice mail, instead of just dialing an access code and a specific password, the mailbox number needs to be identified.

Getting acquainted with the new system and its features will take some time. Westermeyer said people have been calling to find out how to use the system.

"There's going to be some rough spots," Westermeyer said. "But we'll work them out."

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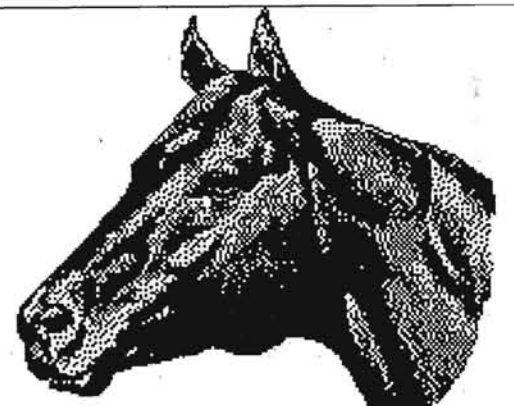
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'Let's get that in writing'

by Matt Forsythe
editor-in-chief

Sometimes the random nature of events can have a very funny effect, especially when it comes to paperwork.

Don't get me wrong. I know the death of all those innocent trees to produce those perfect, white, letter-size sheets is something essential to the corporate and government empires that we have built in this country.

Everything has to be on paper. Did you get it in writing? That question must be answered with a yes.

The funny part comes when things get a little mixed up.

Take for instance the letter that just came across my desk Friday. Basically the letter informs me that the University is against hazing in any form (big surprise there) and I have to read a statement to this effect at the first regular meeting of the year or I as editor-in-chief am out of a job. My first regular meeting of the year took place on Aug. 15.

Well I guess I am out of a job, but maybe the University will be a little lenient towards me because of the fact that the letter attached to the University statement is dated Oct. 18.

But then I started thinking, which is usually a dangerous thing for a smart aleck like me to do.

I wondered about the type of hazing I would do if I was an evil editor-in-chief.

First of all, I would haze my new reporters.

"I want a 500 to 600 word story on bovine scatology and the serious ramifications if has on our society by tomorrow. Remember, I want you to quote at least five sources."

Then I would test my new advertising salespeople.

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umn inches to mortuaries by the end of this week. I know there isn't a big market for it on a college campus, but I don't care. Remember, keep the copy for the ad light and upbeat."

Then maybe my copy editor.

"As part of your hazing you must copy edit next week's paper for 24 hours straight. If I find a mistake after that, you will be forced to copy edit the collected works of E.E. Cummings."

Boy, I'm really tempted on that last one. This practice might actually improve the paper immensely.



All joking aside, the really important thing this letter makes me think about is how important timeliness and appropriateness is to anything that is written on paper.

When you work on *The Current* everything you write is looked over by the whole campus. When you make a mistake it is out in the open. It is the business of many people. That is not the case for some other departments.

I feel a little guilty for writing this. I know how the person who sent the letter out will feel. I have made mistakes in print many times. It is not a pleasant experience to be reminded you are human.

Of course, the person who wrote the letter to me might even be able to quote some kind of rule buried deep within the Student Organization Survival Handbook which would point out that this situation is somehow my fault for not memorizing every campus rule.

But it would still be remiss of me not to write about this mistake. When we make a mistake at *The Current* people send us letters that we print talking about our mistakes.

I think it is only appropriate that we occasionally return the favor in order to bring things out in the open and facilitate better communications, however painful that might be.



Voice of the people...

Hancock II: Too good to be true

Dear Editor,

The idea of voting on every local and state tax sounds appealing. But, as we all know, something that sounds too good to be true usually is. I believe that's the case with Amendment 7.

The promoters of Amendment 7, the so-called Hancock II measure, have not fully informed citizens of the far-reaching changes the measure would impose. Perhaps that's because Amendment 7 is so badly written that proponents and opponents can only speculate on its impact. The most likely impact of Amendment 7 will be that Missourians will have less, not more, say our government, because a judge will eventually define Amendment 7 and set tax policies for state and local governments accordingly.

Running government through the court system is not what anyone intended. But perhaps most distressing is that state agencies and state-supported institutions will be forced into making drastic cuts in service while Amendment 7 plays out in court—maybe for years. By all accounts, Amendment 7 limits state revenue below its current level. At issue, and what will be decided by a judge, is whether that state revenue is already above the Amendment 7 limit by \$1 billion or \$5 billion as some have suggested. Either way, we lose.

The safety of Missourians will be

jeopardized throughout the state as the Missouri Highway Patrol eliminates officers it currently has on roads and highways and the Department of Corrections closes prisons and ends its supervision of inmates on probation or parole.

The quality of elementary and secondary education will decline immediately when the number of students in each public school classroom escalates as teachers are eliminated in school districts throughout the state.

As the president of the University of Missouri-St. Louis Alumni Association, I am especially concerned about the devastating impact this proposal would have on higher education. Colleges and universities would be forced to close entire programs and significant raise tuition. This would fundamentally change the mission of public higher education.

Public higher education gives citizens an opportunity to broaden themselves and to become educated and employed in diverse fields that otherwise would be beyond their reach. This is specifically true of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis was created to make quality higher education physically and financially accessible to St. Louis-area residents. Passage of Amendment 7 would damage the institutions ability to meet this mission.

When voters consider Amendment 7 on November 8, I suggest they consider all that would be lost if it passes. I'm voting "no" on Amendment 7.

Sincerely,
Steve Brawley
Alumni Association President

Transcript request sends student on long-distance runaround

Dear Editor,

I don't want to waste much time with this, but I can't resist spending a few minutes to point out the obvious.

A few months ago, I sent the [Cashier's Office] a check for \$5 and urgently requested that they rush my transcript to me, as I had an incredible job offer that required a copy of it.

I asked the same of Colorado Mountain College and Cerro Mesa Community College and they followed through immediately. Two weeks later, I got a letter from the [Cashier's Office] returning my check and telling me to call such and such number to find out why I was not worthy of my transcript.

After an expensive long-distance call, because of all the transferring from one department to another which has always been typical of calling UM-St. Louis, [the Cashier's Office] informed me that I owed \$13 (thus the denial of the transcript) for a matter that I had already cleared up a month earlier (which was another admitted mistake on your part) with another expensive long-distance call and the obligatory department roulette transferring. At that time, I even asked if everything was cool and if there would be no problems if I requested my transcript. The answer was an emphatic "yes, don't worry about it."

So, as we were conversing on the phone about the \$13, the woman I was talking to looked it up on the computer and found that indeed I was right and the matter had been cleared up previously. The returned check and the denial of the transcript had been yet another mistake.

At that point, I already landed the

job without the help of the precious UM-St. Louis transcript and no longer needed it. So I told the lady that I felt the university should send me a free copy of my transcript for the trouble I'd been through. She merely laughed in my long-distance ear at this, saying UM-St. Louis would never do such a kindhearted thing. I said I agreed the Department of Records and Transcripts and the Cashier's Office would not do such a thing, though the rest of the departments at UM-St. Louis have always been great to me.

Anyway, a few weeks later I got a copy of my UM-St. Louis transcript in the mail, even though I hadn't requested it. Great, I thought, maybe someone in those hated departments has a heart after all.

Then, today (Oct. 15) I get a bill for sent transcript. No fair! I didn't request it this time and [the Department of Records and Transcripts and the Cashier's Office] denied it and sent my check back and caused much consternation regarding the pending job. So I'm not going to send the \$5, because I didn't request the transcript. I'm sure the \$5 won't hurt [the departments] because they have plenty of ways to rip off students and the state of Missouri, either through incompetence and/or deliberate means.

This is a shame because UM-St. Louis is a good school. [The departments] are the only ones to consistently screw things up for me and my friends over the years that I have attended there.

I attended UM-St. Louis for 1970 to 1993 and got a Bachelor's and a Master's degree.

Love and kisses,
Darby V.

Organization fights hunger 'one meal at a time'

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank *The Current*, in particular Jack Dudek, for the coverage/promotions of our all-campus food drive benefitting the American Indian Center of Mid-America. Promotional flyers and word of mouth are sometimes not enough for success of any campus event, especially one like ours assisting a non-profit agency. Your article was well written and truly captured our passion for sponsoring this food alert. It was more than we could have ever hoped for.

The six collection boxes on this university were heavily monitored because the need at the food pantry was so immediate, and still is. We have decided to extend our food alert until Oct. 31 for those individual would who would still like to contribute (even if only one item). The following six collection sites will remain as follows: North Campus-Admissions Office (Woods Hall-first floor), Evening College (Lucas Hall-third floor), Social Work Office (589 Lucas Hall), and the Women's Center (211 Clark Hall).

South Campus- School of Op-

ometry, Dean's Office (331 Marillac), and Marillac Lobby.

As the organizers of this effort, we extend a special thank you to those individuals who were able to donate items, and we invite others to follow their lead. It is unrealistic to think that one food drive can end hunger in St. Louis, so we'll address it one meal at a time.

Thanks again!
Scott Emanuel
Glenna Payne
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Social Work Student Association

electronic mail contact

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and University Reports, UM-St. Louis ranked considerably lower than St. Louis University or Washington University in reported campus crimes.

The report showed that for every 1,000 students, 2.6 are victims of crime at Washington University and 2.1 at SLU. Meanwhile, UM-St. Louis ranked near the safest in the study of 20 schools with 0.8 crimes per 1,000 students, following Missouri Baptist (0.0) and Maryville University (0.3).

The statistics are surprising to

Smalley considering he isn't even working with a full staff. The department has added four Hudson Security officers bringing to 15 the total number of police employees.

"We have filled some vacancies that were a year old," Smalley said. "We're authorized to have an 18-member staff, but we're still short-handed as it stands now."

Schuster said the officers are spending too much time doing non-police work. He questioned how much

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—Thomas Lee, student

patrolling can be done if officers are locking and unlocking doors.

Smalley agrees and said a card access system will do wonders for the campus.

"(The card identification system) is further along," Smalley said. "But I believe it's months down the road."

He also said the department is looking into installing other safety measures, such as surveillance cameras.

Some students said they have seen more officers patrolling the campus.

"Crime is all over," said Joe Coleman, a Criminology major. "(The two incidents) do not really bother me. It doesn't say anything bad about the University or the students who go here."

Thomas Lee is a transfer student from St. Louis University, where surveillance cameras are used day and night.

"It would be a good idea for UM-St. Louis to install cameras," Lee said. "It couldn't hurt... Just knowing the cameras are there cuts down on crime. At least it makes people think twice."

Crime-Prevention Tips

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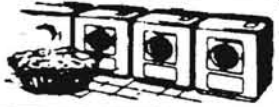
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Louis [School District] is an example of that. [Hancock II] is going to force the campus to look at what is and important and what needs to be cut. Saying a campus will be closed is a scare tactic and students are smart enough to see through that."

Although Concerned Students has taken a stance on Hancock II, Pursley said the organization's main focus to serve as an information provider to students on political and governmental

issues. The organization currently has 8,000 files of information and hopes to have 20,000 by November. Listed on the files is information concerning current legislative bills and other bits of government information.

"As a group we don't take a liberal or conservative approach," he said. "We are a group that you can come to if you need information on an issue. You can find the original text [of an amendment] and form your own opinion."

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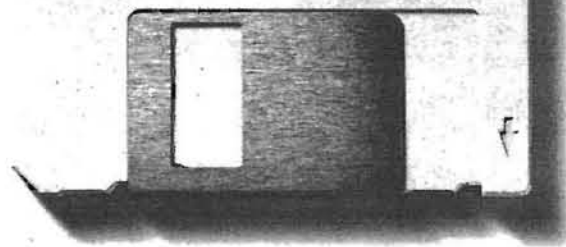


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A little louder please



by Don Barnes
features editor.

As I start this week's words, I want to thank the people who have approached me lately with comments and compliments about my column. I appreciate the input.

And I want to apologize for last week's section. If you're one of those people who read our newspaper just to see how many mistakes are committed each issue, then you had a field day last week.

No excuses though. Would you believe me anyway? Just an apology.

I'm sssshhhgggg.

Now for this week's trip. I was sitting in my English class last week, trying to follow a lecture on Shelley, when a DC-10 landed on top of Clark Hall.

Ok. I don't know if it was a DC-10, and it didn't really land.

But it felt like it. The windows were rattling and the room was humming and I couldn't hear a word of what was being said.

Can anybody tell me why the airspace above UM-St. Louis is used to traffic flights in and out of Lambert field?

I mean, I know we're right next to the airport, and inevitably they're going to have to use the airspace over us. But do they have to use it between 9 a.m. and noon?

Tell me if I'm paranoid, but don't they seem to be flying a little low to the ground when they pass over the campus—especially the really big ones?

I don't know one plane from another, but I've seen some monsters that looked like they were gonna take a chunk out of the SSB Tower.

Then there are the military jets that use the airspace above the north side of campus on their way across the river to Scott Air Force Base or wherever.

I was wondering there, Colonel, could ya' give it a little more juice. I can still hear myself think!

Cchhhggggghhh!

Thanks. Some noise that we can't really get rid of is the construction noise.

I have a French class at 9 o'clock every morning. For a few weeks they were modifying the bathroom adjacent to the room this class is conducted in. This was not pretty.

I'm not fully awake. I'm not exactly jammin' the class. The planes are buzzin' Clark Hall.

And now I have intermittent blasts of masonry drills and banging hammers competing with my instructor, who just happens to be speaking in a foreign language.

"Répétez, s'il vous plait." The work is necessary though. The University needs these improvements to truly serve everyone as equally as possible.

So for now, we have to deal with the noise—and the missing water fountains (which is what aggravates me the most) and the closed bathrooms (which seems to be bothering the female population on this campus the most).

Let's just hope it doesn't take these guys as long as it took the masonry workers to finish the SSB Tower.

They do seem to be moving a little faster, don't they?

And don't forget the lift they've been using for exterior work on the buildings.

I think it's great that they're trying to keep the place in shape. But if you're like me, the droning of a diesel engine in the background tends to inhibit your

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Beta Alpha Psi, Red Cross, UM-St. Louis host another successful blood drive

by Brian A. Dashner
reporter

This semester's UM-St. Louis Blood Drive, conducted Oct. 17 and 18, was a smashing success.

The drive, conducted each semester, is sponsored by Beta Alpha Psi fraternity. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) chapter 3456 of St. Ann provided five volunteers, and the St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross invested both materials and nurses.

Each year Beta Alpha Psi sponsors the blood drive with a sweeping program to create and enhance awareness at UM-St. Louis and throughout the community. They distribute pamphlets and fliers and erect signs and bulletin boards that inform students of the coming blood drive.

Members also participate in awareness programs that educate people about the need for blood donations and the status of the Red Cross. This is all done as a community service. They encourage everyone to participate in the drive and to give blood if possible.

Terri Gross, co-chairperson of the fraternity, said that they won an award last year for the longest community service activity. She said that this year's members contributed at least four hours apiece as volunteers for the drive, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

Kathy Schulte, the other chairperson for the fraternity, was unavailable for comment. "Kathy has worked very hard for this drive," said Gross.

The AARP representatives took signatures and distributed snacks to the donors.

Ruth Spurgeon, a veteran volunteer of the drive, commented that the turnout seemed better than last year.

Many of the volunteers from the AARP had participated in previous drives. This is just one of the many activities that the organization members perform for the community.

Another important force behind this drive was the faculty advisor for Beta

Alpha Psi.

"She's very enthusiastic," said Gross. "She's great!"

The average amount of usable blood drawn each semester through the drive is about 100 pints. Twenty-eight people had signed up to give by 11 a.m. on

Tuesday. By the 2 p.m. deadline, 82 signatures were listed, and there were still people coming in to donate blood. The final tally of usable blood requires analysis and was not available.

"We really appreciate you having us," said Connie Asselmeier, head nurse

for this semester's drive. "The blood is definitely needed, especially type O, but we'll happily take any clean blood we can get."

Asselmeier worked for 20 years as

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The American Red Cross is currently under a "Code Yellow." This means the supply of blood is not large enough for the expected need in the near future.



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GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE: Donor care specialist Shelley Wehrhell collecting a pint from Patrick Fogarty, a senior majoring in education.

Psychiatrist conducts Post Traumatic Stress Disorder symposium at UM-St. Louis

by Brian A. Dashner
reporter

A psychiatrist working at the Medical College Of Pennsylvania conducted a symposium Thursday that focused on recovery from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Edna Foa has developed a treatment for PTSD called "prolonged exposure," and is finding the results to be acceptable. Her speech was a detailed analysis of the results of her research, which included a slide show, a monologue and a film.

PTSD is a disorder that occurs in many victims of severe trauma. It is characterized by several factors including:

- recurrent and intrusive distressing recollections of the event.
- recurrent and distressing dreams of the event.



Edna Foa

- acting or feeling as if the event were recurring.
- intense psychological distress

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Foa said an event can cause PTSD if it contains intense fear, helplessness and horror for the victim. She said it is probable that other psychological disorders will accompany PTSD that could mask the disorder with other symptoms. Depression and phobias are often symptoms of PTSD.

Foa said one of the major factors that separates this disorder from depression is the "numbness factor." Victims feel detached from and cold toward other people. They perceive the world as being dangerous, and feel that all other people are dangerous. She said victims have difficulty forming

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relationships, and often lose relationships they had previous to the event.

In Foa's research, she said it is apparent that the period immediately following a severe trauma is more important than the trauma itself. She found

that victims of such events, who exhibited symptoms of PTSD, were more traumatized by the reactions of others than by the event.

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Author Shirlee Haizlip discusses her latest book

by Scott Lamar
associate features editor

What was intended to be a birthday present for Shirlee T. Haizlip's mother has unexpectedly become a book in contention for a Pulitzer prize, and a story that producers and directors are jockeying for.

Haizlip spoke Tuesday in the J.C. Penney building on her book "The Sweeter the Juice," a family memoir detailing her search for her mother's black relatives who were passing as whites.

Haizlip is a graduate of Wellesley College and attended the Harvard School of Design.

At the CBS affiliate WBNB, she was the first black woman to hold the position of general manager. Most recently she was an executive with WNET-TV in New York.

She has also been recruited by the American Film Institute and the National Endowment for the Arts as the National Executive Director of the National Center for Film and Video



Shirlee Haizlip

Preservation. It is that organization's mission to coordinate a film and television archive for the U.S.

"This is not just my story," Haizlip said. "It's the story of most African Americans, and therefore the story of many white Americans as well, be-

cause what it tells us is how genetically and closely we are linked in this country."

The story goes to the root of America's ancestry, both black and white.

It starts with a woman named Margaret Morris. When she was 4-years-old, her father left her with a distant cousin in Washington D.C., never to return. Her father, along with her seven siblings, did something known as "passing." Not from life to death, but from black to white.

"Around 1916, the concept of passing was not uncommon," Haizlip said.

Passing entailed black individuals assimilating with whites on the job and in the community but staying in touch with their black relatives at home.

Margaret's family chose to leave the black race and sever all ties with their black relatives. Shirlee knew that her mother's not knowing the whereabouts of her family was painful for

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Hot line acts as outlet for hate crime victims

by Jack Dudek
of The Current staff

A UM-St. Louis psychology professor has developed an outlet for those who incur hate crimes resulting from their sexual identity.

Suzanna Rose, director of the St. Louis Anti-Violence Project (AVP), said a hate crime is a violent act, verbal or physical, directed toward a person's lifestyle. She said many of these crimes are directed toward those who live non-traditional lifestyles.

"Many violent acts are being directed towards the gay and lesbian community based on their sexual preference," Rose said.

The AVP is the first of its kind in St. Louis. The AVP joins over 60 other local projects across the country that are aimed at documenting and responding to anti-lesbian and gay violence.

The AVP has a hot line phone number that one may call to receive counseling services or report violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. All calls are kept completely confidential.

Rose said since May 1994, the line has received about 40 calls. She also said that last year there was only a total of eight hate crimes on record with the St. Louis Police Department. More than 30 volunteers are involved in staffing the hot line, fund raising, publicity efforts and police and victim service advocacy.

The AVP keeps records of all hate crimes reported.

The following statistics are taken from the St. Louis Lesbian and Gay Research Project's findings. Of the 262 gays and lesbians surveyed, 75 percent claimed to have been verbally harassed, 24 percent have been chased or threatened and 10 percent knew of someone who was killed because of their sexual preference.

"Our findings are not seen as being official documents, but hopefully they will bring about awareness of the problem," Rose said.

Such awareness has been taken seriously in St. Louis City. A person found guilty of committing a hate crime in the city will suffer additional penal-

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a nurse and has served the Red Cross for over two years. She has worked with the drive six times and was happy to see returning donors this year.

"Yesterday we met our goal exactly. Today seems to be a little bit better," she said.

The goal for each day was set at 50 pints. On Monday, 61 people attempted to give blood, but some were deferred for various reasons. A total of 50 pints were collected.

The American Red Cross is currently under a "Code Yellow." This means the supply of blood is not large enough for the expected need in the near future.

Published statistics from the Red Cross show that only 83 percent of the required donations have been scheduled. The need for all types of blood, especially type O and O (negative) is urgent.

The organization requires about 13,000 additional donors to meet the demand this year. Any donation is appreciated and can make a life saving difference to those who will require transfusions. Blood drives such as this are one way that they can meet that demand.

The next Beta Alpha Psi/UM-St. Louis Blood Drive will be held in April 1995.

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concentration when reading the homework for the next class.

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Except for the planes. The planes have got to go!

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Foa also found that the period prior to the event is one of the deciding factors of whether a victim will exhibit PTSD or not. Those who were extremely competent before the trauma are much more likely to have feelings of helplessness and loss afterward.

The UM-St. Louis Center for Trauma Recovery (CTR) is currently offering free counseling for victims of rape who are willing to participate in a study beginning in Jan. 1995. The length of time an individual will need therapy can vary with each specific case.

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her.

"She needed to know the knowledge that they left behind," Haizlip said. "So when I was 12-years-old, I made a promise to her to find her missing family."

Like her mother, Shirlee went through life wondering about the missing maternal side of her family. The only family she knew was on her father's side.

In each city she visited, she would look up all of the Morris in the phone book. She would say to each of them, "Hi, I'm Shirlee Morris. I'm looking for my family, and they are from Wash-

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ington D.C. Might you be from Washington D.C.?"

It never got her anywhere.

She finally hired a private investigator to find her family.

Haizlip said that what the investigator found was both good and bad. He told her that all of her mother's siblings were dead except for one, a sister who was living in Anaheim, Calif.

Haizlip refused to divulge exactly what took place between she and her aunt in their first encounter. She did say, however, that her aunt's grandson, Jeffrey, was going east to do research on his family.

ties. Rose said extra charges brought against the assailant are necessary because of the extreme emotional trauma these types of crimes cause the victims.

"A victim of a hate crime will suffer more psychological trauma, therefore there is more self inflection on the self identity," Rose said.

She said trauma will come in the form of depression, flashbacks, or deep feelings of insecurity and lack of trust for society.

"He wanted to know why his family was so small," Haizlip said.

She reached Jeffrey (who was white) in New York and told him that his great-grandfather was a slave.

Haizlip pointed out that geneticists claim that 95 percent of white Americans have varying degrees of black heritage, and 75 percent of African Americans have at least one white ancestor.

"If we can think of ourselves as one large extended family," Haizlip said, "perhaps that will begin to lessen some of the social distance between us."

The AVP hot line is designed to assist and refer the callers to additional social workers, victim service agencies and lawyers that are more understand-

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Rose said there is really no stereotypical assailant, since the assailant could be a stranger, neighbor, co-worker, or spouse.

"There is a fine line between verbally abusing someone before they physically abuse them," Rose said. "It is that fine line that keeps you on your edge, it keeps you looking over your shoulder."

ing of their circumstances. The volunteers are put through a 3-day training course where they are trained to support and listen.

The AVP has helped inspire other organizations at UM-St. Louis to conduct meetings that deal with the problem of hate crimes. The Lesbian and Gay Students for Change are will have a meeting at noon on Oct. 26 in room 222 JCPenny. Their regular meetings are at 2 p.m. on Thursdays in room 441 Stadler.

"Awareness is the solution to ending hate crimes," Rose said. "The community, heterosexual and homosexual, is often shocked at discovering hate crimes. There has been an improvement."

Future plans for the hot line include victim advocacy, police training, community education, and continued victim support groups.

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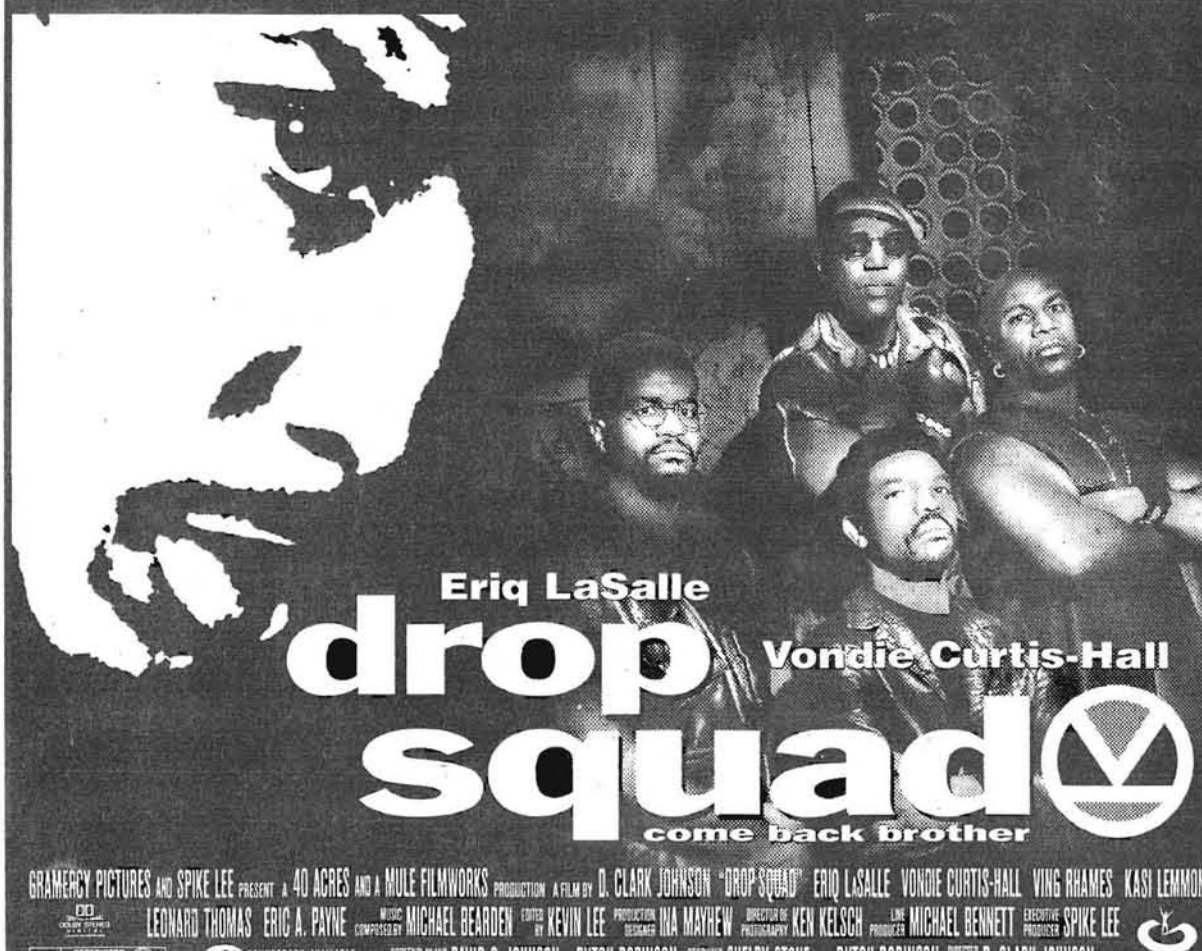
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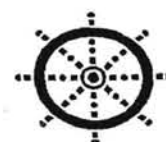
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Award time: 'And the winner is?'

by Pete Dicrispino
sports editor

The UM-St. Louis soccer season is coming to a close and it is that time again. It's time again for recognizing some of the athletes for their achievements.

It's time for the return of the **Peter Piper Awards**.

The awards will be given out to the players who deserve congratulations for a job well done.

This week we will start with the Women's soccer team:

Freshmen Of The Year.

Tammi Madden, midfielder- As a freshmen, Madden has started in every game this year for the Riverwomen. She is second on the team in scoring with five goals and seven assists for 17 points. She is also second on the team with 32 shots on goal. Without a doubt, Madden will be a force on the team the next three years.

Quickest Player.

Tammi Madden, midfielder- We'll give this one to Madden too. Madden is both quick with the ball and without the ball. She hits open areas quicker than anyone on the team and is usually open for a pass. It's hard to argue with this pick.

Most Underrated.

Lori Lueddecke, Midfielder- This sophomore has started in all 17 games this year. She is as consistent as they come. Lueddecke goes out, does her job and you hardly notice her on the field. A steady player, who should only get better.

Best Defensive Player.

Jennifer Frohlich, outside back- Frohlich main job is to shut down the other teams top scorer. She does her job well and also joins the offensive attack. She's a hard-nose worker, who will run you over whoever is in her way. Frohlich leads team in assists with nine and is third in points with 15.

Best Offensive Player.

Jenni Burton, forward- Burton can score from just about anywhere on the field. She is a deadly offensive weapon, who can tear an opponents defense apart. She leads the team in shots with 41, goals with 13 and in points with 30. Burton has also contributed four game-winning goals to lead the Riverwomen. When Burton scores the Riverwomen win.

Most Valuable Player.

Jenni Burton, forward- This is an easy pick to make. Without Burton, this team would probably have a tough time scoring goals and would not have half the wins it has. She is, without a doubt, the best player on the team.

So long to the seniors who will be leaving after this season.

Angie Kaighin, forward- The three-year player has battled injuries all year for the Riverwomen and refused to be pulled out of the lineup.

Mischelle Gill, midfielder- Only played one season for the Riverwomen. Has been a consistent player all year for the team.

Riverwomen keep on rolling

by Pete Dicrispino
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Tammi Madden's two goals and stellar defensive play lifted the UM-St. Louis women's soccer team to a 2-0 upset victory over 10th ranked Metro State College last Saturday at Don Dallas soccer field.

The game was the second one played on opening day of the T.J. Pizza Classic Tournament, and for the Riverwomen, it was their biggest win of the season.

The Riverwomen finished off what was an incredible week of soccer.

On Wednesday, the Riverwomen defeated 17th ranked Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville 3-1 at SIUE. Head coach Ken Hudson attributes his team's recent success to defense.

"We are playing smarter defensively, everyone is doing a nice job back there," Hudson said.

Against the Metro State Roadrunners, the Riverwomen's defense was dynamite and goalie Amy Abernathy came up with the big saves when she needed to.

"We played good defensively, and Amy made some good saves," Madden said.

Defenders Leigha Gibbs, Lori Lueddecke, Mischelle Gill, Dawn



Photo: Ken Dunkin

PUTTING ON THE PRESSURE: Riverwoman midfielder Tammi Madden dribbles the ball down field as Metro State defender Julie Russell (#13) closes in last Saturday at UM-St. Louis' T.J.'s Pizza/ Coca-Cola Classic.

Dyer and Dianne Ermeling put a blanket over the Roadrunners offense.

Hudson was dishing out the compliments at the end of the game to his defenders.

"Dawn (Dyer) has started the last two games, and she has really played

well," Hudson said. "She has done a good job."

"Leigha (Gibbs) is playing real well," Hudson said. "She's an aggressive player, but she was a little tentative early in the year. Now she is playing with that aggressiveness."

Madden was all the offense the Riverwomen needed and she started her attack eight minutes into the game.

Gill placed a corner kick into the box and after a few players missed it, Madden buried her eighth goal of the year past Roadrunner goalie Jennifer Pierce.

Twenty-two minutes later, Madden connected again when the Roadrunners had trouble clearing the ball out of their own end. She found herself alone against Pierce and buried a shot above her head just inside the crossbar. The goal was her ninth and her fourth in the last two games.

"Madden has really been picking it up for us lately," Hudson said. "She's an opportunist and she puts the ball into the goal. She doesn't get a lot of chances, but she capitalizes on what she gets."

Madden credits her recent success to a change in position. She moved from the middle to the outside.

"I've been playing a lot better on the wing," Madden said. "I'm excited about the way I'm playing and the way the team is playing."

On Sunday, the Riverwomen beat Hardin Simmons Cowgirls 4-0 to take the Championship of the T.J.'s Pizza/ Coca-Cola Classic. Senior forward Jenni Burton scored all four goals for the Riverwomen.

"We're playing really good defensively," Head Coach Ken Hudson said. "It's nice to not give up any goals, and now with ten wins, we're guaranteed a better than .500 season, something that we wanted to accomplish at the beginning of the year."

The Riverwomen outshot the Cowgirls 19-2 and improved their record to 10-7-1.

Rick's late goal propels Rivermen past Lions

by Rob Goedeker
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A last minute, tie-breaking goal by forward Todd Rick helped give the Rivermen a 2-1 home-game victory on the road last Tuesday over the Lindenwood Lions.

The game was to be played at Don Dallas Memorial Field at 7 p.m., but due to rainy weather conditions, UM-St. Louis' soccer field was deemed unplayable. The game had to be played on Lindenwood's AstroTurf football/soccer field and was rescheduled to 8 p.m.

The change in atmosphere didn't bother the Rivermen.

"We were pleased with the decision to play the game here (Lindenwood)," Head Coach Tom Redmond said. "We wanted to get

the match in, and the players came ready to play. This was our best victory of the season, so far. Coming back is something we haven't been able to do this year."

Rick scored both goals, his 13th and 14th of the season. He is now just four goals shy of breaking the record for most goals in a season.

"He just keeps plugging away," Redmond said.

"He's amazing," Assistant Coach Gary LeGrand said. "He works very hard to keep himself in good position the whole game."

In the first half, the Rivermen played very conservatively, trying to get accustomed to playing on the wet, AstroTurf field.

"The ball was skipping all over the place," Rick said. "It was moving a lot faster."

The Rivermen scored the game's first goal in the second half. Forward Greg Crawford made a couple of good moves around the Lions defense and dribbled the ball down the right side of the field. He made a perfect centering pass to Rick. After shaking off a Lion defender, Rick turned and blasted a left-foot shot into the upper left-hand corner of the net from 15 yards out. The goal gave the Rivermen a 1-0 lead.

The Lions tied the game with 5:53 remaining. Lions defender David Zoeller collected the ball in the right corner and made a centering pass towards the goal. Riverman goalie Mark Lynn came out to make the save, but Lions defender John Hylla beat him to the ball and kicked it about 10 yards from the goal into the right hand corner of the net.

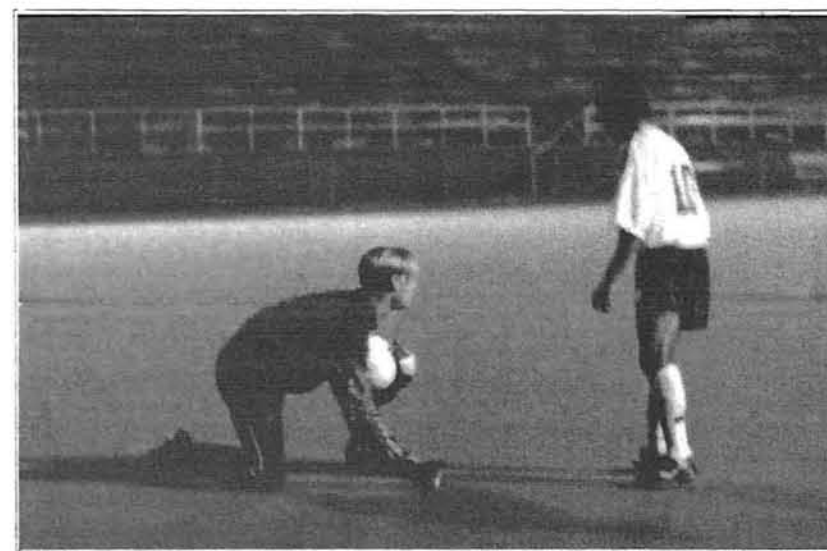


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A LITTLE TOO LATE: Lindenwood goalie Jim Morton makes the save as Riverman midfielder Todd Rick (#10) looks on in a game last Tuesday.

Overtime was starring the Rivermen in the face, until Rick scored his second goal of the game in the 89th minute of play. Rick collected a loose ball off of a deflection, just after a Rivermen corner kick. He took a shot on the left side from a steep angle about 12 yards from the goal, giving the Rivermen the dramatic victory.

"At the beginning of the game, the guys were teasing him, saying that he has never scored a goal in a big game," Redmond said. "Well, I think he put that to rest with the victory today."

The Rivermen improved their record to 9-3-2. Their next game is on the road against Northeast Missouri State Oct. 22.

Gorillas show no monkey business, lower the boom on Riverwomen

by Ken Dunkin
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A tough battle quickly turned into a one-way fight as the UM-St. Louis Riverwomen volleyball team dropped three games to the Pittsburgh State Gorillas. Their record fell to 6-21.

The Riverwomen had victory within their grasp in the first game as they were only down by one point. A error on a block finished off the game as they lost 13-15. The next two games weren't much better for the team, they fell 6-15 in the second and 9-15 in the final game.

"They played fairly well, they blocked well, and served tough," said Assistant Coach Erik Kaseorg. "I think maybe they got beat by a better team."

The team is gaining a lot of experience with each game on the court, which is something they didn't have coming into this season.

"We're not quite strong enough to beat a team that is filled with juniors and seniors," said Head Coach Denise Silvester. "We have eight girls on the team and they have six years of college volleyball experience."

At times the inexperience showed as they seemed lost against the 11-11 Gorillas. Towards the end of the game a great deal of effort was shown. But, it wasn't enough, as the game was finished before the Riverwomen got started.

"I think in the third game we tried really hard," said Sheri Grewe. "In the first and second game I don't think we were giving 110 percent effort."

The Riverwomen's defense held for the most part with Ann Marie Gary and Karen Basket leading the team with twelve digs each. Gary also led the team in kills with 10.

"I'd like to see our defense improve," Grewe said. "We've come a long way, we need to go farther."

The Riverwomen led in only one category. They had a total 51 digs compared to the Gorillas 50.

"We need to work on our transition after we make the dig," said Silvester.

The team also played Friday night losing to Missouri Southern in three straight games. The scores were 7-15, 8-15, 9-15.

One good thing came out of the weekend losses; the team discovered a workhorse player.

"Jennifer Dodson played very well, she hustled in the backcourt and worked hard out there," Silvester said. "She's not typically a starter for us, but with the hard work that she has been doing for us she has earned a spot."

It seems this team just needs time.

"We're a new team, so this is definitely a learning season for us," said Grewe.

Their next game is on the road against Northwest Missouri Oct. 26.

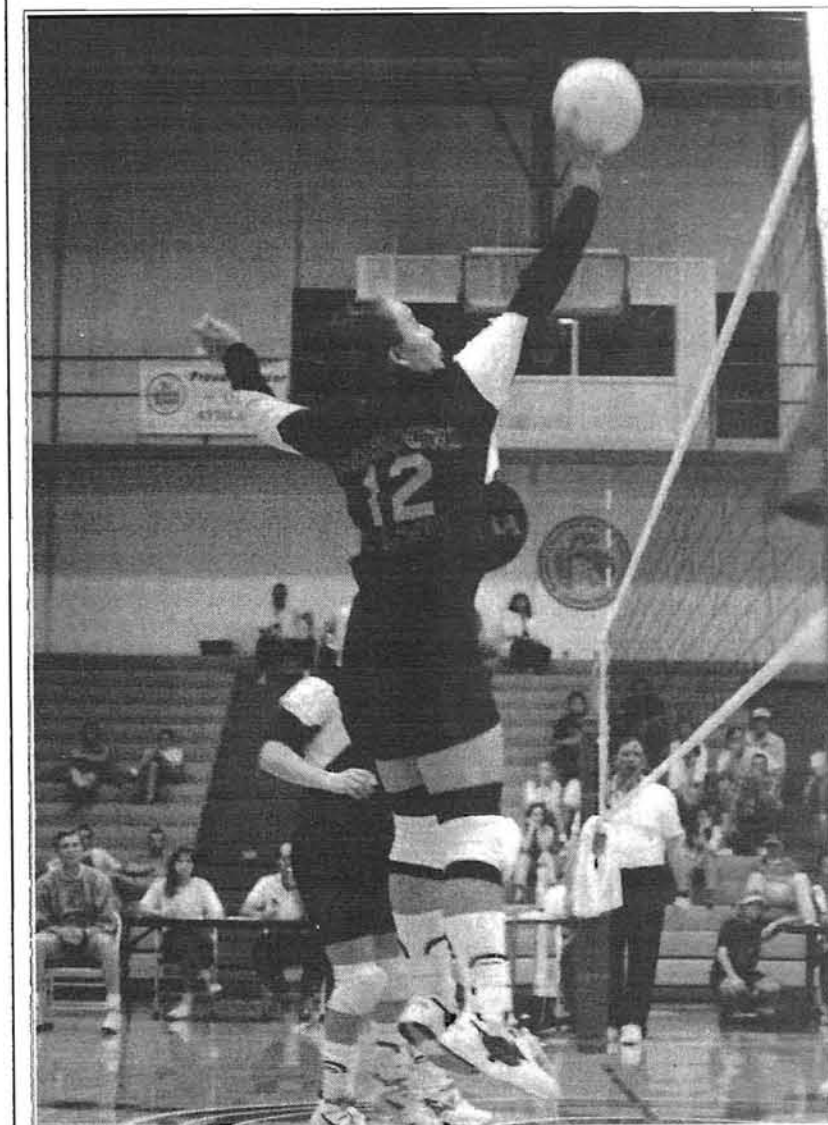


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AIR GARY: Riverwoman outside hitter Ann Marie Gary (#12) is getting ready to spike the ball last Saturday in a game against the Pittsburgh State Gorillas. The Riverwomen's record fell to 6-21, and 3-8 in the conference.

Current Player Of The Week

Tammi Madden, women's soccer

Madden is on fire as she scored four goals last week. She is second on the team with nine goals on the season. Madden is only a freshmen and should be a force on the field for years to come.



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